

MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES
WORK SESSION
August 15, 2002

The State Board for Community and Junior Colleges (SBCJC) met for dinner at 6:00 p.m. at the Jackson Hilton in Jackson, Mississippi, on August 15, 2002. Following dinner, board members and staff moved to the Crown Room in the Hotel.

The following members were present: Mr. Denver Brackeen, Mrs. Sara Fox, Mrs. Veldore Heidelberg, Mr. Napoleon Moore, Mrs. Dorothy Nelson, Ms. Patricia Randall and Mr. George Walker. Members Absent: Mr. Jimmy Murphy, Mr. Lawrence Warren, and Mrs. Brenda Yonge. SBCJC staff present included: Dr. Wayne Stonecypher, Dr. Randall Bradberry, Dr. Larry Day, Mrs. Deborah Gilbert, Mrs. Sandra Lucas, and Dr. Evelyn Webb. Guest Present: Dr. Bill Smith, IHL.

Chairman, Mr. George Walker called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. Mr. Walker welcomed the new SBCJC members. Everyone present gave their names and who they represented.

Mr. Walker began by giving an overview of the State Workforce Development Council and the Workforce Act of 1994, for the new members. He stressed the importance of Mississippi having an ample trained workforce. As Co-Chairman of the SWDC he relayed their concerns related to providing the needed training in light of continuing funding shortages and budget cuts.

Mr. Walker also gave a brief report on the study commissioned from Regional Technology Strategies, Inc., to provide strategic planning for the SWDC. The study also explored avenues to utilize federal workforce training funds. He distributed copies of the Executive Summary of the report and urged Board members to read it before the next meeting. The final report is being prepared and when it is completed copies will be mailed to each Board member. Mr. Walker reported that the SWDC meets each month on the second Wednesday and invited Board members to attend.

Mrs. Deborah Gilbert gave an update on the SBCJC Funding Formula Study. She gave a history of how the Request for Proposals was developed and distributed. The deadline for submission of proposals was August 2, 2002, and she reported that four were received. The proposals ranged from \$35,207 to \$187,000. On August 8, 2002, the Funding Study Advisory Committee comprised of Mrs. Gilbert, Dr. Evelyn Webb, Mr. Jerry Senter, Dr. Howell Garner, and Dr. Charles Chance, along with SBCJC Executive Director, Dr. Wayne Stonecypher met and rated the proposals. The committee will make a formal recommendation to the SBCJC tomorrow to approve the issuance of a contract to MGT of America in the amount of \$129,830, to complete the study. Mrs. Gilbert stated that the SBCJC would be able to contribute \$45,000 toward the project. A meeting was held via the CCN with the MACJC presidents, where they agreed to help with the remaining cost of the study. The study must be completed for presentation to the Legislature by December 15, 2002.

Dr. Randall Bradberry announced that he would be recommending that former Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College President, Dr. Barry Mellinger, be appointed to the Commission on Propriety Schools and College Registration. Dr. Mellinger would fill the position held by Mr. Billie J. Lofton, who resigned for personal reasons.

Mrs. Sara Fox reviewed Finance agenda items as follows:

1. Budget Contingency Fund and Education Enhancement Fund Disbursements for July 31, 2002, from Funds 4080, 4110, and 3295 in the total amount of \$2,766,918.68;
2. Purchasing Approvals: Blackboard – acquisition of course development software license and web hosting services for on-line courses in the amount of \$112,000, and Copiah-Lincoln Community College for support of the Mississippi Virtual Community College on-line Library services (MELO) in the amount of \$30,000;
3. Financial Statements for Funds 2291 and 3291 for FY 2002 – Lapse Period;
4. Financial Statements for Funds 2291 and 3291 for FY 2003 as of July 31, 2002;
5. Purchasing Policy Changes; and
6. Recap of FY 2002 Support Expenditures.

Mrs. Fox stated that copies of any of the fifteen community and junior colleges' FY 2004 Budget Requests, and/or the composite SBCJC Request were complete and copies could be obtained from Mrs. Deborah Gilbert.

She also announced that the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (LBO) hearing was set for September 11, 2002, at 3:05 p.m. The hearing will be held in the LBO Committee Conference Room on the first floor of the Woolfolk Building at 501 North West Street.

Dr. Wayne Stonecypher announced that SBCJC staff members were preparing a resolution for presentation to Dr. Donald L. Durham, Technical/Deputy Director of the United States Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command, in recognition of his leadership and contribution upon the occasion of his retirement.

Dr. Wayne Stonecypher reported that Dr. Evelyn Webb is working to compile a general mission statement for all fifteen community and junior colleges. The mission statement would be utilized during the upcoming Southern Association of Colleges (SACS) accreditation visit for the MSVCC. The statement will be presented to the Board at a future meeting for endorsement.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.